

Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement
Regular Committee
Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008
Room 270

Members present: JC Kizak (Co-Chair), Judy Andreen, Virginia Bruce, Ben DuPree, Malek Hall, John Kilian, Seth Otto, Gerritt Rosenthal, Judy BlueHorse Skelton, Nancy Neuman, Skip White, Karen Wolfgang (Co-Chair)

Members excused: Segeni Mungai, Hal Ballard

Call to order, review of agenda, approval of Nov. 5, 2008 meeting minutes

Chair Wolfgang called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. The committee and the new Communications Director, Jim Middaugh, introduced themselves. Changes to the agenda were noted.

Gerritt Rosenthal moved, with a second from Malek Hall, to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2008 meeting. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

HCT update

Cliff Higgins, corridor transportation planning public involvement, summarized the outreach process for High Capacity Transit (HCT) to date. He distributed fact sheets and reported on workshops. He wants to come back in February to update the committee again.

Brownfields

This item was postponed. Staff asked the committee to send comments about the PIP that was attached to the December agenda for inclusion in their work.

Urban/Rural Reserves

This item was postponed to the January meeting.

MCCI work plan

There was discussion about developing materials to educate and assist Metro staff with MCCI's established processes. Two or three members will present the information at a senior staff meeting as soon as a spot on the agenda is available so Directors can know and help with the process when necessary.

The materials will include a general biography of all of the committee members, .

Perhaps distribute the information to Senior Staff in loose-leaf binders so updates will be easy to make. Have a web presence accessible to staff with a fillable PIP form to encourage staff to use it. Possibly establish some kind of e-mail link between the committee and the project managers. Pick information from the MCCI handbook, update it and make it easily accessible online.

The goal is, over the next month and a half, to complete the workplan, prepare the binders and meet with the departments to leave the material with appropriate staff.

Karen Wolfgang will produce the first draft of the brochure. Members are expected to submit their bios to her within 2 weeks. Judy BlueHorse will write a summary of public involvement links and quotes she has collected for the brochure.

Ben Dupree will draft the letter of introduction for the binder. A sample PIP should be included. State Goal 1 should also be included as well as added to the website. The target audience for the brochure and binder is Metro staff,

Malek Hall suggested a discussion about returning to the subcommittee structure of previous MCCI groups and to talk to Scott Robinson when he is at the January meeting for his input on this issue. There appears to be 3 or 4 areas that would need subcommittees.

Roundtable

Virginia Bruce reported that the urbanization forum process is ongoing in Washington County. They have come up with a set of recommendations, including creating a governance study district that could carry out the process of incorporation/annexation, a concept of a town which would be recognized by the state but would not necessarily provide its own essential services, but contract with the County with local control to use state collected money like gas taxes or franchise fees, and finally, a right-of-way district. Each of these recommendations would take state legislation to implement.

John Kilian commented that he had just accepted a position on the Mt. Hood Regulatory Commission board.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Grant
MCCI staff